

Montana Transportation Commission
Minutes
December 15, 2008

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The Montana Transportation Commission met via conference call on September 8, 2008 the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Espy at 10:08 am with the following participants:

Nancy Espy, Commissioner (District 4) - **Excused**
Barb Skelton, Commissioner (District 5)
Kevin Howlett, Commissioner (District 1)
D. Winterburn, Commissioner (District 3) - **Excused**
Rick Griffith, Commissioner (District 2)
Lori Ryan, MDT
Jim Lynch, Director
Jim Currie, Deputy Director
Dwane Kailey, MDT
Kevin Christensen, MDT
Suzy Price, MDT
Loran Frazier, MDT
Tim Reardon, MDT

1) Awards: Dwane Kailey presented information regarding the staff recommendations for the following projects:

Project Number	Project Description	County Counties	District	Bid Amount	Contractor
IM 90-1(153)28 & IM 90-1(170)29	St. Regis - East & West & St. Regis Area Structures	Mineral	Missoula	9,489,341.74	Frontier West LLC Missoula
IM 90-9(100)517	Garryowen - South	Big Horn	Billings	6,064,209.93	Riverside Contracting Inc Missoula
IM 94-4(78)154	East of Miles City - East (EB)	Custer	Glendive	1,907,880.98	Prince Inc Forsyth
NH 11-1(53)1	North of Gardiner - North	Park	Butte	1,093,172.37	Pavement Maintenance Solutions Inc Columbia Falls
BR 9037(25)	Canal - 6 km Southwest of Valler	Pondera	Great Falls	498,499.63	Dick Anderson Construction Inc - Helena
STPS 426-2(8)15	Judith River Slide	Fergus	Billings	171,750.00	Stillwater Excavating Columbus
HSIP 15-5(110)281	2002 - Intersection Improvement - Great Falls	Cascade	Great Falls	76,464.80	Scott Construction Inc East Helena

Seven (7) projects were advertised, in all, twenty-five (25) bids were tendered. Staff recommends awarding projects to the respective low bidders.

Commissioner Griffith moved to adopt the staff recommendations to award projects to the respective low bidders. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

2) Pavement Preservation Projects, 2010 – Presented by Sandy Straehl

Background: MDT is requesting that the Commission approve advancement of 32 pavement preservation projects to the preliminary engineering (PE) phase to ensure delivery in 2010. The total estimated cost of PE for these projects is \$895,804, which includes indirect costs.

All of the projects were nominated by the districts and reviewed to ensure appropriate scope of work. MDT has placed a list of the proposed pavement preservation projects on its Web site for the public to view.

The projects will be funded with the following sources: Interstate Maintenance (IM), National Highways (NH), Surface Transportation Program - Primary (STPP), Surface Transportation Program - Secondary (STPS), and Urban Pavement Preservation (UPP).

Funding Source	No. of Projects	No. of Miles	Total of PE + CE + CN
IM	6	45.9	\$14,371,346
NH	14	123.7	\$21,786,324
STPP	7	34.9	\$ 6,046,233
STPS	4	37.8	\$ 3,579,890
UPP	1	1.6	\$ 817,371
Totals	32	243.9	\$46,601,164

The work is estimated to preserve 243.9 miles on the following systems: Interstate, National Highway (non-Interstate), Primary Highway, Secondary Highway, and Urban Highway Systems.

Summary: MDT is requesting Commission approval to add 32 pavement preservation projects to the program for delivery in 2010. The projects will improve an estimated 243.9 miles of Federal-aid highway. The total estimated cost of PE for these projects is \$895,804, including indirect costs. The combined total estimated cost for the preliminary engineering, construction engineering, and construction phases is \$46,601,164, including indirect costs.

Staff recommendations: MDT staff recommends that the Commission approve the addition of these projects to the program.

Commissioner Griffith stated that these projects should be placed on the agenda for the regular meeting and not addressed during the conference call, however he understands the sensitive timing for programming and has no problem as long as it is not the norm. Both Commissioner Howlett and Skelton were in agreement with Commissioner Griffith.

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the staff recommendations for the 2010 Pavement Preservation Program. Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am

Nancy Espy, Chair
Montana Transportation Commission

Jim Lynch, Director
Montana Department of Transportation

Lori Ryan, Secretary
Montana Transportation Commission